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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GENERATING DYNAMIC IMAGES

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Claims 1-11, 13-23 and 25-27 are pending in this application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-11, 13-23, and 25-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Traversat et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,052,720). Applicants respectfully submit that the examiner has failed to establish a *prima facie* case of anticipation.

Independent claim 1 recites, among other things, associating the one or more additional images to the at least one image. At least these features are not taught by Traversat et al.

An “image” is a term of art that refers to information that is related to memory, storage, processors, applications, access privileges, and other similar features that represent the configuration state of a network device and is completed prior to user login. The image is used to boot the network device, based on the device characteristics.

In an exemplary embodiment, the invention provides a base image that is created and stored in a directory (see page 13, line 20 – page 14, line 1). Additional images may be associated with the base image and, when the base image is placed on the workstation, the additional images also may be placed on the workstation to load as a single image with the base image. The additional images may come from other workstation images or from applications that have been stored in the directory (see page 14, lines 1-6). One advantage of the invention is that it enables a base image to remain constant while associated images may be updated or additional applications may be applied to the base image.

By contrast, Traversat et al. appears to disclose a system for providing a data framework and associated client/server protocol for storing and exchanging data among network computers after a client device has logged into the system (see the Abstract). When a client device connects to a server, the client device apparently sends profile information to the server and the server attempts to match the profile information with specific profile information in its machine namespace (see column 10, lines 57 – 67). According to Traversat et al., a user first logs onto the client device and, after login, retrieves the user's preferences. For example, in a word processing application, a particular user preference includes a default font and size for documents. In Traversat et al., the system retrieves user preferences after login and enables the user to have their user preferences applied to any client device in the network. Therefore, Traversat et al. does not teach or suggest an image as known in the computer art. Furthermore, Traversat et al. does not teach or suggest at least associating one or more additional images to the at least one image. A user preferences is obtained from post-login information and does not qualify as an image, since an image is known in the art to provide information needed to boot a network device and is applied prior to user login.

Thus, independent claims 1, 13 and 27 are distinguished over Traversat et al. and are allowable for at least the reasons described above. Additionally, claims 2-11, 14-23, 25, and 26 depend from and add features to one of the independent claims. As such, these claims are allowable over Traversat at least by virtue of their dependency.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of claims 1-11, 13-23 and 25-27 are respectfully requested.

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